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MEMORANDUM TO: General Carter

REFERENCE : President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board Communications of June 8th, asking for Annual Reports on CIA's Intelligence and Related Activities and on the Coordination of U. S. Foreign Intelligence Effort

I believe that these reports can be most helpful, not only to the PFIAB, but also to the President and his immediate staff, and to you and me. Therefore, I wish these reports prepared with the greatest of care and under yours and Mr. Kirkpatrick's direct supervision and with frequent consultation with me.

I am writing Mr. Clifford acknowledging receipt of his communications and suggesting to him that he and I discuss these particular requests at an early date. Furthermore, I propose that Mr. Coyne or other staff representatives of the Board confer frequently with Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Bress and others in CIA in the interest of developing both format and content of the report which will be most helpful to the Board.

I think we should use these reports not only for the purpose of surveying activities, but more importantly, to point out deficiencies, limitations and conflicts in the authority and responsibility of CIA (and the DCI in areas of coordination) and to make specific proposals concerning recommendations we feel that PFIAB should make to the President in the interest of correcting problems. In other words, let's use these reports as means of transmitting to the Board, and through the Board to the President, actions we think should be taken to strengthen CIA in exercising its statutory responsibilities and serving the national interest in the manner envisioned. If we do this carefully we can accomplish many things. For instance, we could

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c. In dealing with Scientific and Technical Intelligence, Guidance Missile and Astronautics Intelligence, Signals Intelligence, Photographic Intelligence, etc. establish a firm foundation for CIA in NRO and also the role of FMSAC.

d. In dealing with Political and Economic Intelligence, Current Intelligence analyses and National Estimates, clearly identify CIA's statutory role as recited in the law, and put to rest intrusions into these areas of responsibility by INR and DIA.

I would like to discuss with you, Kirkpatrick and Bross the machinery necessary to do a thorough and workman-like job on these two reports and to accomplish the purposes I have in mind.

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Director

cc: Mr. Kirkpatrick
Mr. Bross

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